

February Newsletter



Love is in the air this month at AAHS!

February 2016

Greetings!

February is a month all about love. What's better than chocolate and roses? Wet noses, sweet purrs, and tail wags of course! We have hit the ground running this year and have so many wonderful dogs and cats just waiting for their FURever homes. If you have a house full of furry love already and can't adopt, we have lots of other ways you can help animals need. We have so many fun and exciting events coming up so keep an eye out for those. Today, February 23rd, is World Spay Day!! You can help us take care of animals in need and "spay it forward" this month. Learn all about these exciting opportunities in this month's newsletter!



This Month's Features:

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A Letter From the Director

Dear Friends,

I want to start by thanking all of our staff and volunteers for helping this year get off to a fabulous start. We are working hard to make 2016 the best year on record for the animals of the Athens Area Humane Society. We have already completed over 240 adoptions and we are working hard to find homes for even more cats and dogs. We could not continue the important work for the

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animals without your help and support, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

At the Athens Area Humane Society, we believe that every animal deserves a chance to live, love and be loved. These sweet creatures often come to us afraid and lonely, and it is our job to find a family that is a good fit for their personality. In the last few weeks we have taken in around 30 Chihuahuas that were not very social. It has been truly amazing to see them come out of their shell and interact with their fosters and the staff here at our facility. Although these animals are in good

physical health, almost all of them needed to be spay/neutered and vaccinated. It has taken a lot of hard work, but it shows us what we are capable of if we work together towards a common goal. We are still working hard to rescue more Chihuahuas from the same situation so please contact us if you can help by adopting, fostering, or donating to help with these sweet pups. Many of them are at the center working on becoming more social so please feel free to stop by and visit them any time.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter this month. I also hope you will find a way to get plugged in at our rescue. Whether it is a few hours a week as a volunteer, taking home an animal to foster, or donating to help offset the cost of the needs of the animals, I hope you will get involved. It is such a rewarding experience to see the animals find their permanent home.

Thank you,

Jane Stewart
Executive director
Athens Area Humane Society



Ask the Trainer

Spring Time is Dragon Season by Tina Spring



Tina Spring is the AAHS Board President and owner of Sit Happens Dog Training & Behavior. Learn more about Sit Happens

- *March Pet Care Clinic*

March 5th, 2016



- *Locos Percentage Night*

March 15th, 2016



- *Grindhouse Percentage Night*

March 23, 2016



- *21st Annual Classic City Brew Fest*

April 10th, 2016

or contact Tina for help with your pet(s) at www.sithappens.us

Tina@sithappens.us



Ask the Vet



Alphabet Soup! Vaccines!!!

By Dr. Janet Martin, DVM

Why vaccinate?

Vaccinating your pet stimulates an immune response, getting the pet primed and ready to fight off a disease if they are exposed to it later. Vaccines can either prevent serious

or even fatal diseases from developing, or in other cases reduce the severity of the illness experienced by your pet.

Which vaccines does my pet really need?

Recommendations for which vaccines to choose are based on several factors. Your veterinarian can help create the optimal vaccination plan for your pet.

Let's start that conversation here!

CORE VACCINES

Core vaccines are considered necessary for every pet.

Rabies -

A uniformly fatal disease. Vaccination is required by law for every dog or cat over 12 weeks of age because rabies can be transmitted to people.

Canine Distemper and Parvo Combination (DHPP) -

Frequently fatal diseases of dogs. Your dog doesn't even need any direct contact with other dogs to be exposed since these viruses are found wherever dogs have been.

Feline Distemper and Upper Respiratory Virus Combination (FVRCP) -



- *Spring Kitten Shower: Save the date!*

April 17th, 2016



Wish List Items for

February:

Please donate items at our center, located at 1781 Mars Hill Rd. in Watkinsville

-Newspaper

-Puppy pads

-New or used dog crates (any size)

-Dog and Cat Carriers (new or used, any size)

Distemper is a fatal disease of cats caused by a virus that is found in the environment. No direct contact with other cats is necessary for your cat to be exposed. Upper respiratory infections are caused by several different viruses and this vaccine decreases the severity of the illness in your cat.

NON-CORE VACCINES

Non-core vaccines are not necessary for every pet, but are important when there is an increased risk of exposure to these diseases due to your pet's lifestyle.

Bordetella (Kennel Cough) -

recommended if there is exposure to lots of other dogs. Think boarding, doggie day-care, grooming, pet store visits, training classes etc.

Leptospirosis -

recommended for farm dogs or dogs who drink from outdoor water sources like ponds or streams

Feline Leukemia -

recommended for cats who are directly exposed to other cats with unknown vaccination histories. It is best to test for this disease before vaccinating.

**Vaccines are KEY to keeping pets healthy!
Keep Them Safe! Vaccinate!**



Spay it Forward



-Stretch & Scratch
Cat Scratchers
[Purchase Here](#)

-Dog & Cat food
(dry kibble) for the
food bowl program

-Canned Cat food

-Bleach

-Gallons of Distilled
Water
(spay/neuter center
uses to sanitize
surgical
instruments)

-New or used
blankets, dog/cat
beds, or towels

-Dog treats,
especially soft ones
for the Chihuahuas
we have rescued
and are working
hard to socialize!

*we are happy to
provide tax receipts for
material goods and
monetary donations!

You can help pets in need for World Spay Day! Our **Spay it Forward** fund helps us provide free spays and neuters to animals in need. The most effective way to prevent animals from needlessly dying in shelters is to spay and neuter. Many people cannot afford to get their pets altered so we try and help wherever we can. You can **Spay it Forward** this February by sponsoring a spay/neuter surgery.

Spay it Forward by donating today!

Featured Dog

Boulder, a 1-year-old American Bulldog



Boulder is one of our mama dogs. She was rescued from animal control with her puppies. Boulder was a wonderful mom and took great care of her puppies. They were all in a foster home until the puppies were weaned and now all of her sweet puppies have found loving homes. Now it is Boulder's turn to find the perfect home. She is a sweet and wonderful companion. Boulder does not prefer other big dogs, but does fine with smaller dogs. She absolutely loves people and cannot wait to find her perfect home!

You can call us at 706-769-9155 or email
adopt@athenshumanesociety.org.

Featured Cats

Gracie & Eugene, adorable sister/brother pair

Be Sure to Follow Us/Like Us on Social Media to get updates on adoptable pets, fostering needs, events, etc!



We are excited to begin highlighting two kitties who are most in need of finding a loving home. This special duo is Gracie (the tuxedo) and Eugene (solid black). They have been in a foster home since November of last year after being in quarantine for several months due to a skin issue.

They came to us as strays when they were young. They have never cared for the shelter life and have always been pretty stressed out living at AAHS.

After a few months in their foster home, Gracie and Eugene are very comfortable and enjoying living in a home for the first time. At first they hid a good bit, but now they are very confident and happy! They are very sweet and will seek attention from their foster parents. They really enjoy playing, especially with feather toys! These two kitties deserve a chance a happy FURever home so please spread the word and help us help Gracie and Gene! Contact us for more information on Gracie and Eugene at 706-769-9155 or email adopt@athenshumanesociety.org.



Upcoming Events!



-March Pet Care Clinic
Saturday, March 5th from 1-4PM
Pet Supplies Plus in Athens
***No appointment necessary!**

-Percentage Night at Locos Grill & Pub
Tuesday, March 15th from 5-10PM
at Locos on Timothy Rd. in Athens, GA
10% of sales benefit AAHS

****Trivia starts at 8:30 so get a team together and**

come to eat, drink, and play for a great cause!

-Percentage Night at Grindhouse Killer Burgers
Wednesday, March 23rd from 5-10PM
at Grindhouse in Five Points
10% of sales benefit AAHS!

-21st Annual Classic City Brew Fest
Sunday, April 10th from 2:30-6:00PM
The Graduate in downtown Athens
****PROCEEDS BENEFIT AAHS!****

Purchase tickets online: [Brew Fest Tickets](#)

-Spring Kitten Shower
Sunday, April 17th from 12:30-2:30
at the Taylor-Grady House
This will be an brunch sponsored by Mama's
Boy to help us prepare for kitten season. We
will ask each guest to bring an item from our
kitten registry. More details coming soon. If you
have any questions, please email Leah Trotter
at Leah@AthensHumaneSociety.org

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Thank You

for your support and involvement with Athens Area Humane Society. We look forward to seeing you this year!
Keep an eye out for more monthly newsletters to stay up-to-date with all the latest happenings at AAHS!

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10%**

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with approved application

at our Adoption Center, located at 1781 Mars Hill Rd.

Watkinsville, GA 30677

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